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[redacted] Chief

Operations Group, FBIS

Dear Jerry:

Subject: Philippines

My visits to both Hong Kong and Manila were very instructive to me personally as far as the situation in the Philippines is concerned as well as giving me a reading on the radio monitoring potential. In Hong Kong I had several discussions with [redacted] who was very helpful in suggesting provincial transmitters that might be heard from Cebu City. John is very much "into" the Philippines these days.

In discussions with Embassy [redacted] officers in Manila, I learned several items of possible interest. First, all of the officers I talked with said that to their knowledge neither of the radical groups--MNLF and NPA--were using their own radio transmitters. (It was suggested that there are probably transmissions from East Malaysia--the supply point for MNLF in southwestern Mindanao--to the Zamboanga area which [redacted] could conceivably pick up in Cebu or Cagayan de Oro). I was told also that there was NPA activity not only in Samar and Mindanao, but even in northern Luzon; however, since they have no radios it was felt there would be no value in making recordings from Clark or Baguio.

Both the DCM and the political officer I met with noted that there were radios which were quite vocal in their opposition and criticism of the Marcos regime--although this criticism was characterized as "moderate." One such station transmits (in Tagalog) right in Manila and one of these "vocal" commentators was arrested the week-end I was there. [redacted] officer, [redacted]

[redacted] I filled in on this, and he will get samplings of these stations.

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I also met with [] who felt that [] might be able to pick up some of the southern regional stations right from the greater Manila area. I have arranged for this officer to give [] a background briefing after his arrival. We realize that this is just a simple sampling to provide the analysts with something tangible, so I assure you [] will not make an ultra big project of it.

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Best regards,

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Chief, Okinawa Bureau

cc: Chief, FCS

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